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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This submission is in response to the Office Communication mailed on January 14, 2009, a response to which is due on **Tuesday, February 17, 2009**, as February 14, 2009 falls on a Saturday and Monday, February 16, 2009 is a Federal holiday, namely, Washington's Birthday.

No fees are believed to be due. If, however, it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

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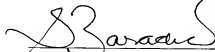
The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372 between one of the following groups, which the Examiner has identified as distinct inventions and characterized as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-25, drawn to a method to immobilize a carbohydrate molecule.
- Group II: Claim 26, drawn to a biosensor.
- Group III: Claim 27, drawn to a therapeutic vehicle.
- Group IV: Claim 28, drawn to a sample collection device.
- Group V: Claim 29, drawn to an affinity purification matrix.
- Group VI: Claim 30, drawn to a microarray.
- Group VII: Claims 31-32, drawn to a surface obtainable by plasma polymerization.

In reply to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-25. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected subject matter in a divisional application.

It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement has been fully addressed. Favorable action is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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